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COCAINE TRAFFICKER SENTENCED TO 200 MONTHS

PRESS RELEASE

Indianapolis-Danny Delgado, 24, Juarez, Mexico, was sentenced to 200 months' imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker following his guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute cocaine announced United States Attorney Timothy M. Morrison. This case was the result of a year-long investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Manuel Mascorro-Guerrero was the leader of an Indianapolis-based cocaine trafficking cell. Mascorro obtained his cocaine from Jesus Manuel Fierro-Mendez, a resident of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico and an official in the Juarez, Mexico police force. Members of Fierro's organization smuggled the cocaine across the Mexican-American border between Ciudad Juarez and El Paso, Texas. Fierro contacted Danny Delgado once the cocaine was transported into El Paso. Delgado then arranged for one of four different truck drivers to transport the cocaine from El Paso to Indianapolis. After the cocaine arrived in Indianapolis, members of the organization delivered the cocaine to customers in Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Akron, Ohio. From late 2006 through August 29, 2007, Fierro's organization transported approximately fifty kilograms of cocaine per week from Ciudad Juarez and El Paso to Indianapolis. During the course of the investigation, more than \$1 million was seized from members of this drug-trafficking organization.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Delgado will be deported from the United States to Mexico following the completion of his sentence. Mascorro-Guerrero was sentenced to 144 months for his part in the conspiracy. Fierro-Mendez awaits sentencing sometime before the end of this year.

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